

# Study in Romans

## Doctrine > Good News > Temporal Blessings > Resurrection Power of the Holy Spirit Romans 8:9-11

As we come into this important chapter on the Holy Spirit, it would be good to first look at modern misconceptions of Him and contrast them with what the Bible says.

**Myth:** The Holy Spirit (HS) is a force, an impersonal power, that fills us in varying amounts like a liquid.

**Fact:** The HS is a Member of the Trinity, as much God as the Father and the Son (Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 3:7-11). He is a Person Who can be grieved (Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30); appoints ministers and commissions them (Is. 48:16; Act 8:29; 10:19-20; 13:2; 16:6-7; 20:28; I Cor. 2:13); convicts of sin (John 16:8); teaches (John 14:26; 16:13; I Cor. 12:3); has a mind and will of His own (I Cor. 2:10-11; 12:11).

**Myth:** Believers are to seek a second experience called, “the baptism or filling of the HS,” at which time they will receive an ecstatic experience and a power for living a life pleasing to God.

**Fact:** Believers receive the HS at the moment of conversion, if they truly belong to Christ (our passage makes this very clear in v. 9b; cf. 2 Peter 1:3). The idea of being filled by the HS is not an image of varying amounts, but of control in the life of the believer (Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16).

1. Believers are controlled by the Spirit and owned by Christ (v. 9)
2. Believers have a dying body, but living soul (v. 10)
3. Believers already have the power of bodily resurrection indwelling them, awaiting God’s time (v. 11)